

TWIN GIRLS BORN TO BEBE PATTEN

Twin girls were born to Oakland Evangelist Bebe Patten at Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley shortly after midnight.

The first girl, who weighed an even five pounds, was born at 12:06 a.m. The second, one ounce heavier, was born 12 minutes later.

C. Thomas Patten, the evangelist's husband and manager, said one of the new arrivals had been named Rebecca Priscilla and that a name for the other was to be chosen today.

"I wanted boys, but now that they're here I'm just as happy they're girls," he said.

Mother and daughters were "doing fine," hospital attendants reported.

Patten Accredited

The Department of Education for the State of California has authorized the granting of Bachelor of Science degrees in Christian education and pastoral theology by Patten Bible College, 2433 Coolidge Ave. The college has an enrollment of 85 students. Dr. Bebe Patten, founder, is president of the college.

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Dedication Rites Set At Patten Academy

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Dedication services and an open house for the public will be held at 1:30 p.m. next Sunday at the new Patten Academy of Christian Education facility at 2433 Coolidge Ave.

The new building for grades kindergarten through eight is the third of five structures planned on the Patten campus, designed as an educational park and offering instruction from kindergarten through the four-year Patten Bible College.

Funds for the new \$260,000 structure were raised through programs of the Christian Cathedral Church. The pastor, Dr. Bebe H. Patten, founded the college in 1945 and the academy in 1958.

The new facility was planned with the help of Dr.

Robert G. Lamp, director of the University of San Francisco Educational Planning Laboratory. It includes two primary learning centers, one accommodating grades one through four and the other, five through eight.

Each of the centers is provided with an audio-visual and library resource area and neither has interior partitions, allowing for the grouping of students according to achievement level rather than grade.

The firm of Mullen, Morris and Alexander of Hayward designed the 11,000 square foot, two-story structure, to complement the existing architecture of the high school building, the college and the church.

Bible College Aids Its Area

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This happening in the Fruitvale district recently began like many similar situations must have started in Oakland in the past decade and a half.

The husband had had it. He and his wife had taken pride in their home and had spent considerable money and effort to keep it looking presentable, but the neighborhood was deteriorating.

Many of the old-timers who had also taken great pride in their homes had died and the homes had been sold to absentee landlords and other persons who, too often, didn't really care about keeping the property presentable.

The husband was fed up. He wanted to sell the house and flee to the suburbs as so many neighbors had already done.

His wife dissuaded him. As long as Patten Bible College is here, she said, the neighborhood will be a good place to live.

PBC's program of purchasing and renovating homes in the area—besides keeping many families there—has led to the return of at least one family from the suburbs, according to the Rev. Gary R. Moncher, director of development at the college.

PBC, which was founded in 1944, moved to its present location at 2433 Coolidge Ave.

in 1957. Six years later, the college bought its first house—an adjacent structure still being used for faculty offices.

To date, PBC has purchased a total of 26 houses and apartment buildings, all within four blocks of the campus.

Three of these houses, including the first one purchased, have been adapted for use by the college administration—faculty offices, book store, publications office and other uses.

Five units, including apartments that were purchased, are being used as dormitories for the 50 or so PBC students who are boarders. The other 80 college students are commuters.

(Another 220 students are enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade at Patten Schools, which share the same campus.)

The other 18 houses have been fixed up and are being rented.

"Rather than see a house boarded up, we'll purchase it and renovate it," the Rev. Mr. Moncher said, though he admitted "it's usually a struggle to get the down payment."

Many of the houses are in poor shape, he said. "We've

had to take three pickup loads of garbage down to the dump from one of them."

The houses cost about \$25,000 on an average, according to the Rev. Mr. Moncher and Roy O. Cott, PBC building supervisor.

On the average, \$4,000 is

spent to bring a home up to building code standards and to improve the appearance.

A crew of about 25 volunteers works three nights a week to renovate the homes. One man donated three weeks of vacation last month to supervise work on four homes.